expenditure should be incurred in that year is that the Department concerned will hurry up with the work as otherwise the amount will lapse. If it is not allowed to lapse the officers concerned will sleep over the matter. That is the case everywhere in the world. That is one of the strong reasons for not allowing money to lapse in any department.

Tanahdars and watchers—Forest Department.

152. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of tanahdars and watchers in the Forest Department who have put in more than 10 years' continued service;

(b) the number who have put in more than 15 years and the number who have been in the service for more than 20 years?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—

(a) Tanahdars 18

Watchers 65

(b)	Over 15 years.	Over 20 years.
Tanahdars	10	2
Watchers	49	31

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are these officers given privilege leave and pension?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—No, they are not allowed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are they not asked to furnish security by the Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—Yes. Rs. 100.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is any interest given to them on this amount?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—They are allowed to deposit this amount in the Co-operative Central Bank.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Some of them, viz. 33, have put in more than 20 years' continued

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service. May I know the reason why they are not included in the permanent staff?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—I may state that this question has come up before this House in various forms,—in the form of cut motions and resolutions—and Government had occasion to go into this question at various time and it was as a result of that consideration that they instituted the contributory provident fund for both classes of officers. That was two years back.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—If they are required permanently for 20 and 30 years, why not they be included in the permanent staff?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—Their number cannot always be fixed. It will be according to exigencies. It may vary from year to year. Sometimes a tanah may not be required in one place and some temporary tanahs may have to be opened in other places. So, in these cases their number is not fixed as in the case of the staff of the permanent establishment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are there not permanent tanahs?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—In some places they may be permanent. But they are liable to be changed at any time.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas South.)*—Will the Provident Fund system benefit those who have already put in so many years' service?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—As long as they are allowed to serve, they can enjoy the benefit.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—When was the Provident Fund system introduced?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—Towards the end of 111C.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South).*—What is the rate contributed by Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—One anna per rupee.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Suppose a tanahdar falls sick. Is he not given leave?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests).*—In the case of short leave vacancies he is allowed to nominate his own man.

Cheerakuzhi Irrigation Scheme.

153. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruviruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the actual expense incurred by the Government to carry out the survey work of the Cheerakuzhi Irrigation Scheme;

(2) what will be the total expense to complete the Scheme;

(3) which all villages will be benefitted by the Scheme if it comes successful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—(1) The cost of the survey work excluding the pay and T. A. of the staff who were employed on this work along with investigation of other schemes will approximately come to Rs. 1,484.

(2) About 5·5 lakhs.

(3) (a) Tiruvilluamala
(b) Kaniarkode
(c) Vadakkethara
(d) Kondazhi
(e) Mayanore
(f) Pynkulam
(g) Killimangalam
(h) Venganellur
(i) Cheruthuruthi
(j) Panjal

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Has the Survey work been completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—The survey work has been completed, but not the design work.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—What is the nature of thebenefit which these 10 villages mentioned in answer (3) would get?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*—It will be possible to supply water for the 1st crop for about 2500 acres and for the second crop 1800 acres.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—Is the Government proceeding with the work now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*—We have now taken up the design work and the alignment is being fie d

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